

Amendments to the Claims:

A detailed listing of all the claims that are, or were, in the application is presented below. Current amendments to the claims, including additions being shown by underlining and deletions being shown by strikethrough or double brackets, are expressed in the listing.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A surface covering ~~component~~ comprising:
two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent;
an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces; and
a seamless resilient wear layer ~~and/or a seamless resilient top coat layer~~ that covers substantially the entire surface covering ~~component~~, including the two elements and the seam formed by the adjacent gluing surfaces and the adhesive[[,]]
~~wherein no portion of the gluing surfaces is perpendicular to the first major surface.~~

Claims 28 and 29 (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet of claim [[28]] 40, wherein the ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet is in the form of a roll.

31. (Currently Amended) The ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet of claim [[28]] 40, wherein the adhesive is a radiation-curable adhesive.

32. (Currently Amended) The ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet of claim [[28]] 40, wherein the adhesive is a UV-curable.

33. (Currently Amended) The ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet of claim [[28]] 40, wherein the adhesive is a cyanoacrylate.

Claims 34 and 35 (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The surface covering comprising:
~~two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent;~~
~~an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces; and~~
~~a seamless resilient wear layer and/or a seamless resilient top coat layer that covers substantially the entire surface covering, including the seam of claim 27,~~
wherein the surface covering is in the form of a roll, the gluing surfaces and adhesive forming a seam, with the ~~gluing surfaces~~ seam being in a plane generally perpendicular to the axis of the roll, ~~the gluing surfaces and adhesive forming a seam~~, and the thickness of the seam being substantially no greater than the thickness of the elements.

37. (Previously Presented) A surface covering comprising:
two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent; and
an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces, the gluing surfaces and adhesive creating a seam in the form of a scarf joint,

wherein the surface covering is in the form of a roll, with the seam running the width of the roll.

38. (Currently Amended) The surface covering of claim 37, further comprising a seamless resilient wear layer ~~and/or a seamless resilient top coat layer~~ that covers substantially the entire surface covering, including the two elements and the seam.

39. (Currently Amended) The ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet of claim [[28]] 40, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

40. (Currently Amended) ~~The floor covering of claim 28, further~~ A resilient flooring sheet comprising
two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent;
an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces, the adhesive and gluing surfaces forming a seam; and
a seamless resilient wear layer ~~and/or a seamless resilient top coat layer~~ that covers substantially the entire ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet, including the two elements and the seam.

41. (Currently Amended) The ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet of claim [[28]] 40, wherein the ~~gluing surfaces are~~ seam is in a plane generally perpendicular to the axis of the roll, ~~the gluing surfaces and adhesive form a seam,~~ and the thickness of the seam is substantially no greater than the thickness of the elements.

42. (Currently Amended) The ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet of claim 41, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

Claim 43 (Canceled).

44. (Currently Amended) ~~The floor covering of claim 28~~ A resilient flooring sheet comprising
two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent;
an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces, the gluing surfaces and adhesive forming a seam, wherein the gluing surfaces are seam is in a plane generally parallel to the axis of the roll, ~~the gluing surfaces and adhesive forming a seam.~~

45. (Currently Amended) ~~The floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet of claim 44, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

46. (Currently Amended) ~~The floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet of claim 44, further comprising a seamless resilient wear layer ~~and/or a seamless resilient top coat layer~~ that covers substantially the entire ~~floor covering~~ resilient flooring sheet, including the two elements and the seam.

47. (New) The surface covering of claim 27, wherein no portion of the gluing surfaces is perpendicular to the first major surface.

48. (New) The surface covering of claim 36, wherein no portion of the gluing surfaces is perpendicular to the first major surface.

49. (New) The surface covering of claim 37, wherein no portion of the gluing surfaces is perpendicular to the first major surface.

50. (New) The resilient flooring sheet of claim 40, wherein no portion of the gluing surfaces is perpendicular to the first major surface.

51. (New) The resilient flooring sheet of claim 44, wherein no portion of the gluing surfaces is perpendicular to the first major surface.